

School of Arts and Science Department of Chemistry

Chemistry & Pharmaceutical Science Student Handbook

2011-2012

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Message from the Department Chairperson

Welcome to the Department of Chemistry. This department houses both the major in chemistry and the major in pharmaceutical science. This department is staffed by a group of very well educated and energetic faculty members. While their main objective is to provide the students taking chemistry or pharmaceutical science courses with a strong and modern grasp of the science, the faculty members are also dedicated researchers. Consequently, there are numerous opportunities for undergraduate students to participate in research in the department.

The study of chemistry or pharmaceutical science is demanding, and rewarding. This handbook, coupled with faculty advisement is intended to help make your undergraduate education a clear sequence of course work which will lead to your professional goal (e.g. graduate school, medical school, industry, etc.) The main point is, that if you are thinking about majoring in one of these areas, or you have already decided to, come into the Department of Chemistry (AC3F01), discuss your goals and get to know our faculty members.

Best wishes,

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L. W. Johnson, Chair



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Graduating from York College

The current requirements are available at the following website: http://www.york.cuny.edu/academics/policies/graduation-requirements/

Chemistry degrees offered at York College

1. **The chemistry major**

The flowchart shows the courses in the chemistry major and the relationships of prerequisites and corequisites. This four-year curriculum shows that it is possible to complete all the general education and the major requirements in four years, and 105 credits. (This plan includes 8 credits to complete the foreign language requirement for general education. If the student passes out of parts of the foreign language requirement, the number of credits required to complete the major may be as little as 97.) For purposes of illustration, particular courses have been chosen for some general education requirements.

The major follows the pattern of chemistry majors everywhere in the United States:

- A year of general chemistry, with laboratory;
- A year of organic chemistry, with laboratory;
- A year of physical chemistry lectures;
- At least a semester laboratory in analytical chemistry;
- A semester of inorganic chemistry lectures;
- Electives, including biochemistry;
- A semester of laboratory in physical and inorganic chemistry.



School of Arts & Sciences B.S. in Chemistry Suggested Four Year Plan, 2011-2012

Color Course Key General Education Pre Major Requirement Major Requirement Minor or Elective

FRESHMAN – FALL	Credits 16	SPRING	Credits 15
Chemistry 101	5	Chemistry 102	5
English 125	4	History or Philosophy +	3
Mathematics 121	4	English 200	3
Behavioral Science +	3	Mathematics 122	4
SOPHOMORE FALL	14	SPRING	15
Chemistry 231	3	Physics 152	5
Chemistry 232	2	Chemistry 233	3
Mathematics 221	4	Chemistry 234	2
Physics 151	5	Physical Education 150	2
		Fine & Performing Arts +	3
JUNIOR - FALL	16	SPRING	16
Chemistry 321	3	Biology 202	4
Chemistry 341	3	Chemistry 322	3
Biology 201	4	Chemistry 342	3
Cultural Diversity 101	3	Cultural Diversity 200 Level	3
Behavioral Science +	3	General Elective	3
SENIOR - FALL	16	SPRING	13
Chemistry 310	3	Chemistry 421	3
Chemistry Elective (A)	3	General Elective	3
Speech 101	3	General Elective	2
Foreign Language +	4	Foreign Language +	4
Writing 300 level	3		
		Total	120

The goal of a Four Year Plan is to ensure that students graduate with no more than 120 credits and in four years. Students are encouraged to **take winter and summer courses** to facilitate their progress towards graduation.

+ Note 1: Menu of General Education Courses from which to Choose.

Behavioral Sciences (One course from the following:) AAS 101 or 172 Anthropology 101, 103 Economics 101, 103 Political Science 101, 103 Psychology 103 Sociology 101

Fine and Performing Arts (One course from the following:) Fine Arts 104, 150, 152, 155, 264, 381 Music 101, 110, 225, 250, 253 Speech Communication 160 Theater Arts 110, 114, 211, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219

Foreign Language (Placement by Foreign Language Department, Room 3C08)

History and Philosophy (One course from the following:) History 100, 108, 113, 201, 202, 204, 257, 275, 276 Philosophy 102, 103, 121

(A) Chemistry Elective Courses

Chemistry 330, 339, 412, or 450



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2. The pharmaceutical science major (**REWRITE BY DEB**)

The Board of Trustees of the City University of New York approved the major in pharmaceutical science on September 22, 2008. No students have yet been accepted into this major. It prepares students for careers in the pharmaceutical and related industries. This program will be the first B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science at CUNY, and one of very few in the tri-state area. The Chemistry Department supervises the major through an appointed Director of Pharmaceutical Science, a member of the department faculty.

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During the last part of the program, students take pharmaceutical science courses in the Chemistry Department. These courses include research and internship opportunities at institutions like the U.S. Food and Drug Administration at its Northeastern Regional Laboratory on campus.



YORK COLLEGE School of Arts & Sciences **B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science** Suggested Four Year Plan, 2011-2012

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FRESHMAN – FALL	Credits 17	SPRING	Credits 16
Chemistry 101	5	Chemistry 102	5
Mathematics 121	4	Mathematics 122	4
Biology 201	4	Biology 202	4
English 125	4	Cultural Diversity 101	3
SOPHOMORE FALL	16	SPRING	16
Chemistry 231	3	Chemistry 233	3
Chemistry 232	2	Chemistry 234	2
Physics 151	5	Physics 152	5
Cultural Diversity 200 level	3	Biology 265	3
History or Philosophy +	3	English 200	3
JUNIOR - FALL	16	SPRING	13
Chemistry 321	3	Chemistry 322	3
Chemistry 341	3	Chemistry 342	3
Chemistry 310	3	Foreign Language +	4
Foreign Language +	4	Writing 300 level	3
Pharmaceutical Science 301	3		
SENIOR - FALL	14	SPRING	12
Pharmaceutical Science 350	3	Pharmaceutical Science 401	3
Pharmaceutical Science 480	3	Behavioral Science +	3
or 490			
Chemistry 412 or 330	3	Speech 101	3
Physical Education 150	2	Behavioral Science +	3
Fine & Performing Arts +	3		
		Total	120

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3. The chemistry minor

Chemistry is central to the study of many biological and physical systems. Students majoring in biology or physics (as well as pre-medical/pre-dental students) are more competitive if they complete a minor in chemistry. Chemistry 101 and 102, and Physics 151 are prerequisites for the minor program courses. Students interested in this minor will have to take these courses. The physics major requires Mathematics 122; the biology major requires Chemistry 231, 232 and 233. Majors in cell or molecular biology are required to also take Biology 412, which is identical with Chemistry 412. For students in these three cases, the chemistry minor requires only 16, 12 or 15 credits more respectively.

Students may not use Biology 412 or Chemistry 412 to satisfy both the requirement for the biology major and the elective requirement for the chemistry minor.

The minor in chemistry is outlined in the following diagram. In addition to the courses shown there, students also take one elective from the following three-credit courses:

Chemistry 310	Inorganic Chemistry
Chemistry 321	Physical Chemistry I
Chemistry 322	Physical Chemistry II
Chemistry 330	Structure and Mechanism in Biochemistry
Chemistry 341	Instrumental Analysis I
Chemistry 342	Instrumental Analysis II
Chemistry 412	Biochemistry
Chemistry 450	Advanced Topics in Chemistry





Special programs and/or co-curricular activities (honors societies, internships, clubs, or opportunities for study abroad.)

1. Chemistry Club

For the 2011-2012 academic year, the faculty advisors for chemistry club are:

Dr. Catherine Foster	cfoster@york.cuny.edu	Phone: 718-262-5314 Office: 3F01
Dr. Yolanda Small	ysmall@york.cuny.edu	Phone: 718-262-2592 Office: 3F01J

The chemistry club is organized and maintained by chemistry majors and some funds are provided from the department and student activities. Current activities include elections, meetings, tours of the Food and Drug Administration, and tours of National Laboratories in the New York area. Membership is open to all science majors. Past activities include organizing tutoring by upper-class students for general and organic chemistry, meetings to discuss graduate school requirements, and to discuss the structure of employment of chemists. They also sponsor special events, for instance, public talks on air chemistry and geochemistry for Earth Day.

The 2011-2012 ChemClub executive board members are:

Magid S. Mohamed (President), Valentina Felsen (Vice-President), Daniel L. Severino (Treasurer), Daryl Ramai (Treasurer)

2. York Honors Program (Update from Bill ASHTON)

The Honors Program at York is modeled on the Macaulay Honors College at CUNY. York students with a minimum 3.25 GPA and at least 60 credits yet to complete can apply to the program. They are required to attend a variety of special meetings, take two semesters of an Honors Seminar, take two regular courses as "Honors Supplemental" courses, and write a thesis. Honors students are assigned a faculty mentor, usually the same person supervising their thesis. Although the Honors Program is not limited to chemistry students, we host a disproportional fraction of students in the program. As of spring 2009, six of the 23 Honors students are chemistry majors, more than any other department. Occasionally, students request that we teach regular courses as Honors Supplements.

Coordinator of the 2011-2012 Chemistry department honors program:

Dr. Jong-Ill Lee <u>jilee@york.cuny.edu</u> Phone: 718-262-2665

3. Chemistry Graduation Award; departmental honors

Each year the department selects the top-ranking graduating senior for the graduation award. The award consists of a monetary prize, certificate of achievement and recognition at the annual graduating students reception hosted by the department.

Of 2011 chemistry graduates, recognition goes to the following individuals:

Dabhi Chulhai – Graduation award - Honorable mention - accepted to a graduate program Kay Han, Mohammed Saleh – Honorable mention - accepted to a pharmacy school

Azhad Chowdhury - Honorable mention - maintaining a high chemistry GPA, accepted to a graduate program Kisha Ali - Honorable mention - accepted to a Masters program

4. Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (LSAMP)

LSAMP is a CUNY-wide program funded by the National Science Foundation to increase the participation of underrepresented minorities in science. Science majors with a 3.0 GPA and sufficient credits are eligible to receive financial support for a research project carried out with a faculty member. The Chemistry Department has hosted several LSAMP students.

2011-2012 LSAMP Coordinator at York College is:

Mr. Lyndon Haynes – 718-262-2562, Office: AC/2C07

5. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Scholars & FDA/York Internships (DEB ADD REQUIREMENTS FOR FDA Internship program)

For several years the Chemistry Department has hosted the FDA/York Internship program. This program is a collaboration between York (specifically the Chemistry, Biology, Health, and Earth & Physical Sciences Departments) and the Northeast Regional Laboratory of the FDA. Students receive support to work at the FDA laboratory under the supervision of FDA scientists. They also are assigned to a professor at York to perform academic work related to the work at the FDA. Only upper-class students are eligible for this program. The Chemistry Department typically sends three or four interns to the FDA each semester, out of 10 interns.

2011-2012 FDA Internship Coordinator and Pharmaceutical Sciences Advisor:

Dr. Deb Chakravarti <u>DChakravarti@york.cuny.edu</u> Phone: 718-262-2661 Office: 3F01

6. Student research symposia

Each semester, students working on research in the Chemistry Department present short talks at a departmental symposium. The symposia happen at the end of the semester, and last one or two hours on each of one or two days. Usually, most of the department faculty and most of the department majors attend. Faculty from other science departments also frequently attends. Audiences range up to about 30 people. By providing refreshments, the department encourages a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for the students to practice their skills in communicating their results. These talks satisfy requirements for public presentation of results from independent study and research courses.

2011-2012 Chemistry majors actively engaged in research:

Majid Mohamed	Class of 2012	Research advisor: Dr. Mande Holford
Daniel Severino	Class of 2012	Research advisor: Dr. Mande Holford
Valentina Felsen	Class of 2012	Research advisor: Dr. Jong Lee/Dr. Ruel Desamero
Jeanette Tolentino	Class of 2012	Research advisor: Dr. Ruel Desamero
Daryl Ramai	Class of 2012	Research advisor: Dr. Emmanuel Chang
Azhad Chowdhury	Class of 2011	Research advisor: Dr. Jong Lee
Kisha Ali	Class of 2011	Research advisor: Dr. Jong Lee

7. Natural Science Seminar series

Each semester the Department runs a seminar series in conjunction with the biology and earth and physical sciences departments. This usually includes about ten talks, at least half by invited speakers, on current research. Attendance is encouraged in classes, and the audiences range up to about 50 people, including students, staff, and faculty. The current seminar schedule is available on the following website: <u>http://nsssyork.commons.gc.cuny.edu/</u>

2011-2012 Seminar Committee includes the following faculty members:

Dr. Emmanual Chang – Chemistry Dept. (echang@york.cuny.edu, 718-262-3778) Dr. Yolanda Small – Chemistry Dept. (ysmall@york.cunu.edu, 718-262-2592) Dr. Arne Christensen – Biology Dept. (achristensen@york.cuny.edu, 718-262-5131)

8. Teacher Academy

In 2005, CUNY launched the Teacher Academy. The Teacher Academy is a CUNYwide program intended to increase the number of mathematics and science teachers in the New York City school system. Students are given full scholarships and other help in getting their teaching certificates. York College joined the Teacher Academy in 2006. The Chemistry Department has actively supported this program from its inception at York. Chemistry majors in the Teacher Academy have special meetings with their faculty mentor at which they discuss both course material and current research topics in chemistry.

9. Study Abroad Opportunities

Many study abroad programs are hosted by local New York Universities. A few programs include:

a. Science in London and other NYU programs

http://as.nyu.edu/object/pp.summer.programproposal http://www.nyu.edu/admissions/study-abroad.html

b. CCNY Study Abroad

http://csauth.ccny.cuny.edu/prospective/socialsci/international/studyabroad/index.cfm



Full Time Faculty

Faculty Research/Teaching Interests and Contact Information

List of current faculty and their research interests can be found at: http://www.york.cuny.edu/academics/departments/chemistry/faculty-staff

Department Chair



Johnson, Lawrence, Professor, Chair, Ph. 718-262-2650, Office: AC/3F01

RESEARCH INTERESTS: high resolution electronic spectroscopy of porphyrins, dynamics and thermodynamics associated with the formation of RNA construct-peptide complexes using single molecule detection methods, such as dual color fluorescence correlation spectroscopy (DCFCS) and single pair fluorescence resonance energy transfer (spFRET).

Full-time Faculty



Chakravarti , Deb, Professor, Ph. 718-262-2661, Office: AC-3F01

RESEARCH INTERESTS: vaccines against several infectious diseases, application of genomics and proteomics, characterization of biomarkers and knowledge discovery using bioinformatics and systems biology.



Chang, Emmanuel, Assistant Professor, Ph. 718-262-3778, Office: AC-3F01

RESEARCH INTERESTS: biological applications of mass spectrometry, analysis and methods development for protein phosphorylation and other post-translational modifications

TEACHING INTERESTS: analytical chemistry, biochemistry, writing and data presentation, literature analysis, and innovations in introductory chemistry.



Desamero, Ruel, Associate Professor, Ph. 718-262-2657, Office: AC-3F01

RESEARCH INTERESTS: structural and dynamical aspects of protein-small molecule interactions using techniques such as vibrational spectroscopy and T-jump relaxation.



Fearnley, Stephen Philip, Assistant Professor, Ph. 718-262-2660, AC/3F01D

RESEARCH INTERESTS: development of new methodology for the construction of bioactive natural products: alkaloids, cyclic ether arrays, & C-glycosides.



Foster, Catherine, Doctoral Lecturer, Ph. 718-262-5314, Office: AC-3F01 RESEARCH INTERESTS: TEACHING INTERESTS:



Lee, Jong-III, Assistant Professor, Ph. 718-262-2665, Office: AC-3F01G

RESEARCH INTERESTS: development of a new drug delivery system which can target a specific organ, collect useful physiological data and release drugs when a light signal is given.



Profit, Adam, Assistant Professor, Ph. 718-262-2656, Office: AC-3F01

RESEARCH INTERESTS: design, synthesis and evaluation of novel enzyme inhibitors.



Robie, Daniel, Assistant Professor, Ph. 718-262-2669, Office: AC-3F01

RESEARCH INTERESTS: gas phase molecular reaction dynamics, vibrational energy transfer, photodissociation, chemical reactions, and the spectroscopy of gases using cavity ring-down spectroscopy, a laser-based technique.



Small, Yolanda A., Assistant Professor, Ph. 718-262-2592, Office: AC-3F01J

RESEARCH INTERESTS: (1) Quantum Mechanical/Molecular Mechanical (QM/MM) modeling and simulations and (2) electronic structure methods using Gaussian-based Density Functional Theory (DFT). TEACHING INTERESTS: Inorganic chemistry, Physical Chemistry (Quantum Mechanics), Introductory Chemistry, Computational Methods in Chemistry.

Staff and Technicians

Allen-Michaud, Teresa, CLT Hassan, Alireja, CLT Pozo, Isabel, Department Secretary Young, Lisa, Assistant (FDA)

Research Opportunities for Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Science Majors

Several faculty members at York College host active research groups. The best training that a chemistry major can get is by joining a research lab as early as their sophomore year and no later than their junior year. Speak with any of the full-time faculty members about research projects in their group. Gaining research experience is like having an internship without leaving campus.

Research and Teaching equipment in the Chemistry Department

- A. Spectroscopic Instruments
 - a. 500 MHz NMR spectrometer (Varian)
 - b. Nexus 470 and 670 FTIR (Thermo Nicolet) spectrometers (the Nexus 670 is equipped with the more sensitive liquid nitrogen cooled MCT detector)
 - c. Luminescence LS50B (Perkin Elmer) and Fluorolog (Jobin Yvon Horiba Spex) spectrofluorimeter (Fluorolog has better sensitivity and resolution, and is equipped with a lifetime measurement unit)
 - d. UV/Vis/NIR Lambda 19 and Lambda 25 spectrometer (Perkin Elmer)
 - e. J-810 CD spectropolarimeter (Jasco, Inc.)
 - f. NRS-3100 dispersive confocal micro Raman Spectrometer (Jasco Inc.)
 - g. Rigaku MiniFlex II powder x-ray diffractometer
- B. Separation instruments
 - a. HPLC (Waters)
 - b. GC-MS (Agilent Technologies) are also available for both purification and identification purposes.
- C. Mass Spec
 - a. Thermo LCQ Ion Trap Mass Spectrometers for detailed structural studies
 - b. Waters QTOF Micro for proteins/peptides
 - c. Waters MALDI-MX MALDI-time-of-flight mass spectrometer
- D. Protein Purification Instruments
 - a. Ultra and microcentrifuges (Sorvall)
 - b. Freeze dryer (Labconco)
 - c. Electrophoritic set-ups (BioRad)
- E. Kinetics Instruments
 - a. Stopped-flow mT-jump set-up (US-Biologics)
 - b. Flash photolysis device (Jobin Yvon Horiba)
- F. Computation and visualization
 - a. Computing Room AC-4E11
 - b. 24-node Linux computing cluster
 - c. 46" Monitor and rolling cart
 - d. Software: Gaussian '09, GaussView, Hyperchem, ChemDraw, JMol



Careers in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences

A complete list of careers in chemistry is available from the American Chemical Society (ACS): http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=PP_SUPERARTICLE&no de_id=1188&use_sec=false&sec_url_var=region1&_uuid=65821aaf-e827-4d46-88c1a0394568af2f

- 1. Sample Industry Careers (Bachelors, Masters, Ph.D.)
 - a. Pfizer chemistry careers: <u>http://pfizercareers.com/apply</u>
 - b. Merck Pharmaceutical careers: <u>http://www.merck.com/careers/</u>
 - c. ExxonMobile Oil & Gas chemistry careers: <u>http://exxonmobile.com/careers/</u>
 - d. L'Oreal Cosmetics chemistry careers: http://www.loreal.com/_en/_ww/html/careers/A-passion-for-the-job/Research-Development/Functions.aspx?&profile=&profileExcl=&
 - e. Pepsi chemistry careers: http://careers.pepsico.com/key/pepsi-chemistry-jobs.html
- 2. Sample Academic Careers (Masters, Ph.D.)
 - a. Technical chemistry specialists: http://www.newscientistjobs.com/
 - b. Post graduate chemistry careers: <u>http://jobs.phds.org/</u>
 - c. College and University careers in chemistry: <u>http://www.higheredjobs.com/</u>
- 3. Sample Government Careers (Bachelors, Masters, Ph.D.)
 - a. Food and Drug Administration chemistry careers: <u>www.fda.gov</u>
 - b. Department of Energy National Laboratories chemistry careers: <u>http://energy.gov/offices</u>
 - c. U.S. Department of Agriculture chemistry: http://www.ars.usda.gov/Careers/Careers.htm?modecode=19-35-37-00
 - d. Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) chemistry careers: http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/lab/chem



Advanced Degrees in Chemistry (Masters, Doctorate)

A complete guide to pursuing graduate education is available from the American Chemical Society (ACS):

http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=PP_SUPERARTICLE&no de_id=1122&use_sec=false&sec_url_var=region1&_uuid=0ec872b6-1226-44f2-b1bfedd8e5060518



Preparing for Graduate School

Searching for graduate schools:

- a. http://www.gradschools.com/search-programs/chemistry-disciplines
- b. http://pubs.acs.org/cen/education/8047/8047education2.html
- c. ACS Directory for Graduate Research http://dgr.rints.com/

d. Science Masters Education Clearing House:

http://sciencemasters.org/descsrch.cfm?iscpst=no

e. Professional Science Masters Programs: http://www.sciencemasters.com/

Applying to Graduate Schools

- a. Prepare Graduate School Application Essays: http://rpi.edu/web/writingcenter/gradapp.html
- b. Take the entrance exams:
 - i. General Graduate Record Exam (GRE): <u>http://www.ets.org/gre</u>
 - ii. Special Interest Chemistry GRE: http://www.ets.org/gre/subject/about/content/chemistry
 - iii. Special Interest Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT): <u>http://www.aacp.org/</u>

Chemistry Resources

Library Resources

Scopus <u>http://www.scopus.com/home.url</u> American Chemical Society Journals <u>http://pubs.acs.org/action/showPublications?display=journals</u> Science Direct <u>http://www.sciencedirect.com/</u>

Chemistry Smartphone Apps

ACS Mobile http://pubs.acs.org/page/tools/acsmobile/index.html ChemSpider Mobile http://cs.m.chemspider.com/ Mobile App of Periodic Table http://www.webelements.com/

Professional Societies

American Chemical Society http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content

ACS New York Section http://newyorkacs.org/

Undergraduate Research Symposium http://www.newyorkacs.org/meetings/urs/urs.php

Dr. Yolanda Small - York member of the organizing committee - ysmall@york.cuny.edu

